

# Mecklenburg County

## North Carolina

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., is an international community service driven organization that was founded on January 9, 1914, in Washington, DC on the campus of Howard University; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 1950, James A. Clarke, Forest Cloud, Willie Reid, David Clay Johnson, William Bluford, Edson Blackmon, George Butler, Chester Donald, Howard Moreland, and Clarence Moreland chartered the Beta Rho Sigma Chapter a Graduate Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc; Charlotte, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, two of its chapter members, Quentin W. Goodwin and James A. Clarke have been recognized with the organization's highest honor, membership in its Distinguished Service Chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, guided by their core values of brotherhood, scholarship, and service, for the past 75 years the men of Beta Rho Sigma Chapter have worked tirelessly to provide critical services and support to our communities in Charlotte-Mecklenburg; and

**WHEREAS**, the men of the Beta Rho Sigma Chapter continuously demonstrate their commitment to community service by organizing educational enhancement programs at local schools across grade levels, partnering and volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank, volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, co-sponsoring an annual Health and Career Fair at Johnson C. Smith University, and providing wellness and educational resources through its affiliated Sigmas of Charlotte Foundation, Inc.; and

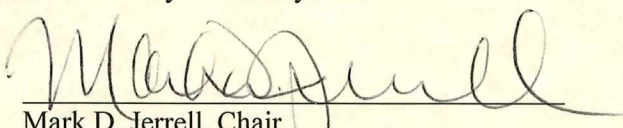
**WHEREAS**, the work of the chapter is furthered, through its youth affiliate group, the Sigma Beta Club, which currently serves more than forty boys ages 11-18 years old and has served more than 500 young men since the club was organized in 1992, preparing the next generation of leaders for the future through demonstrating leadership, ideals of scholarship, positive relationships and community service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners recognize and congratulate Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Beta Rho Sigma Chapter on its 75<sup>th</sup> Year of Service in Charlotte, North Carolina and does hereby proclaim February 1, 2025 as

**“PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC., BETA RHO SIGMA CHAPTER DAY”**

in Mecklenburg County and encourage all citizens to join us in this special observance.

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2025

  
Mark D. Jerrell, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

